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23 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Special Group
SUBJECT: Permission for a TACKLE Mission
to the Szechwan Basin

1. Two TACKLE missions directed at the Szechwan
Basin (24 December and 20 January), [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] have failed because of camera mal-
function. Permission is requested to mount another mission
at this target as soon as feasible.

2. The Hy Con camera experts through extensive
tests have determined that the cause of malfunction lies in the
vacuum solenoid. This device which controls the movement of
the film has been rebuilt to replace a cadmium lining with nickel.
This replacement, thoroughly tested, will be installed before
any further TACKLE missions are made. This should be accom-
plished by 23 January. The answer to why this fault has not
shown itself in previous years is obscure but it is believed
associated with the age and protracted use of the equipment.

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